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## Councilmember Jim Madaffer to be installed as President of the League of California Cities

Councilmember Jim Madaffer will be sworn in as President of the League of California Cities tomorrow, Friday, September 7, 2007 in Sacramento. Councilmember Madaffer will be the first City Councilmember from San Diego to serve as president of this statewide organization, which is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities.

"It is a distinct honor to have my colleagues from other cities around California select a San Diego representative as their next President," said Councilmember Madaffer. "When I first began attending League of California Cities meetings I was struck by the important and influential work the League does and how it can have a direct impact on everyday people here in San Diego. My goal has always been to make sure that San Diego has a strong voice in matters affecting our great city. A prime example was the formation and passage of Prop 1A to successfully preserve funding for cities throughout the state".

Councilmember Madaffer will be sworn in during the League's annual meeting that takes place September 6-8 in Sacramento. More than 2500 members are expected to attend including Councilmember Madaffer's family. Currently he is the League's First Vice President and has been a member representing the City of San Diego since 2001. The City's delegation on the League board also includes Councilmember Scott Peters.

The League of California Cities was founded in 1898 on the principles of local control and interagency cooperation. It has grown to include members from 478 California cities. The League and its member cities work to strengthen the effectiveness of their advocacy efforts. The League's mission statement reflects this commitment to "restore and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians".